

Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group

Recreation Committee

December 6, 2008 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

Meeting Details

December 6, 2008

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: Noon

Location: Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Headquarters

802 N. Main Street

Fort Bragg

The Recreation Committee of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group (JAG) will hold a public meeting to consider how recreation concerns and desires of the community should be incorporated in planning a timber harvest in the Hare Creek watershed east of Simpson Lane. The harvest area is located primarily between the western boundary of JDSF and Roads 450 and 454. Recreation use in the THP area and on Roads 450, 454, and 400 has the potential to be affected. The area and roads are currently used for hiking, biking, and horse riding. They also are used illegally by off road vehicles (ORVs).

At the meeting, JDSF staff will show detailed maps and explain the expected operations of the plan. Recreation Committee members will lead an open discussion about protecting and expanding current legal recreation opportunities. There also will be updates on previous Committee meeting items, including JDSF's plans to establish a steering committee of user groups to work with Forest staff on recreation planning and implementation.

Off road vehicle use also will be a topic for discussion at the meeting. The Recreation Committee has been talking with community members interested in establishing an area for legal ORV use on JDSF. Currently all ORV use in Jackson Forest is illegal. ORV use, especially in the rainy season, has the potential to damage roads and trails. Such damage can result in erosion that has the potential to adversely affect water quality and fish, including listed salmonids. Improper ORV use on roads and trails also can endanger other road and trail users. Some community members strongly desire increased safe, environmentally protective, and legal opportunities to use their ORVs; however there is now no legal place on the coast to use ORVs, and substantial illegal use occurs.

For more information about the meeting, call Recreation Committee Chairman Vince Taylor at 707-937-3001.

Following the public meeting, at 12:30 pm, JDSF staff will lead a tour of the Hare Creek Harvest Area. See separate announcement of this event for details (http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/JDSF_HareCreekTHPTour_120608.pdf).

Those requiring further information about this meeting notice may contact Russ Henly, Assistant Deputy Director for Resource Protection and Improvement, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460, (916) 653-9447. This meeting notice also is available electronically at: http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson.php.

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The Mission of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group (JAG) is to provide advice/recommendations to:

- The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) and Director/Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) regarding issues relevant to review of the JDSF Management Plan for possible changes during the initial implementation period.
- Director/CAL FIRE and the Board regarding ongoing implementation issues.
- Board and Director/CAL FIRE on policy matters relevant to JDSF.

The Charter for the JDSF Advisory Group is available on the CAL FIRE website at: http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/Charter_JDSF_Advisory_Group.pdf